

Application No. 10/517,251

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REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on February 10, 2006. In such Office Action claims 1-42 were pending. Claims 1-42 were subject to restriction and/or election requirement. This Amendment is submitted in response to said Office Action.

Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372

A restriction requirement was made to pending claims 1-42. The claims were placed into seven groups:

Group I (claims 1-12) drawn to a method for screening a compound that is able to suppress aberrant immune activity;

Group II (claim 13) drawn to a compound that can reduce aberrant immune activity;

Group III (claims 14-20) drawn to a method of treating or preventing an autoimmune disease in a subject;

Group IV (claims 21-27) drawn to a compound for treating an autoimmune disease;

Group V (claims 28-34) drawn to a non-human transgenic animal that has been modified to express human Fc γ RIIa receptor;

Group VI (claim 35-41) drawn to a method of producing a non-human transgenic animal model; and

Group VII (claim 42) drawn to a method for producing a composition for treating or preventing an autoimmune disease.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-12, without traverse. Non-elected claims have been cancelled. Additionally, Claim 6 has been cancelled and the limitation of claim 6 has been introduced into claims 1-3.

If it would be helpful to obtain favorable consideration of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call and discuss this case with the undersigned.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefore to deposit account No. 19-1970, if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing

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of this document or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to deposit account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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